

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the Specification as follows:

The invention relates to ~~a stepping gear~~ for a clamping and/or spreading tool having a stationary jaw and a support to which ~~said the~~ stationary jaw is fixedly connected, ~~and on which a~~ A push or pull rod is slideably supported ~~on the support and,~~ a movable jaw ~~being~~ is fixedly arranged on the push or pull rod, wherein ~~the clamping and/or spreading tool~~ ~~said stepping gear~~ is designed to displace ~~said the~~ push or pull rod ~~together with said movable jaw~~ relative to ~~said the~~ fixed jaw in an advance direction, ~~step by step with at least two different stepping sizes and~~ ~~The clamping and/or spreading tool further comprises~~ at least one ~~trigger operating arm operateable~~ with at least two lever configurations defined by ~~at least two active levers on said operating arm~~, wherein a mechanism for switching from a first lever configuration to a second lever configuration is provided ~~and upon an activation of the switching means, particularly in a predefined operating condition, the respective active lever can be activated directly instantaneously.~~ At least two active levers are engageable with ~~said the~~ push or pull rod via ~~said at least two drivers~~ one driver to displace the push or pull rod in an advance direction according to the respective lever force transmission and at least one driver is connected to said operating arm via a coupling structure, said switching means being formed as a means for detaching said coupling structure.